

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes – Monthly Meeting
March 21, 2007

Members Present: Jim DuBois
Hank Corcoran-Boyer
Jerry Ivey
Kerry Farr

Others Present: Randi Clifford, Recreation Superintendent
Travis Scheele, Athletic Supervisor
Bob Ash, Park Superintendent
Tim Kerbs, Recreation Supervisor
Mike Gleason, SAYSI Coordinator
Mike Strand, Salina Journal

Jim DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:03p.m.

I. REPORTS

A. Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were approved 4-0 as printed.

B. Citizens Forum

None

C. Activity Reports

1. Participation Report

February participation for 2007, excluding the golf course, had strong numbers for adult athletics. Volleyball has had a good turn out. We had maximum numbers on our women's leagues, we added additional coed nights. Youth instructional is down a little bit, Natural Resources is pretty comparable, 50+ down just a little from last year, special populations continues to see better participation each month.

2. Recreation Report

Randi handed out portions of the annual report, one of those being a five year comparison report that shows our monthly totals. 2006 was down just a little from 2005 but up from two years ago. The other report handed out was the 2006 participation totals. Adult athletics was up some from last year, youth athletics was down some primarily because we are no longer hosting the big USSSA tournament. Adult instructional is up from last year, but youth instructional was down, which could be based on participation with some of our summer program partners such as the art center and community theatre. Numbers were pretty comparable for the in house programs we offer. The Red Cross partnered with us again after being absent in the summer of 2005. We have limited the drop in programs. We had more participation when we were working more closely with the K-State Salina gym with more drop in hours. Spectator numbers are up this year which is reflected in the yearly total. Natural Resources was down slightly from last year, 50+

was comparable, special populations was down a little bit but we do expect that trend to reverse. Special Events totals were up from last year, summer camps and clinics were comparable. Currently we are working on summer employment, spring softball leagues are right around the corner, organizational meetings for youth baseball and softball, the Salina soccer club on their spring schedule. Several big events that are coming up is the community Easter egg hunt and Golden Years Spring Festival.

3. Park Report

One big project park staff has been working on is the soccer complex. They have finished planting grass around the fringe areas. They are in the process of landscaping the islands at the soccer complex and the construction on the maintenance building should start soon. In the downtown area we are in phase two of the tree replacement program, removing all the Bradford pears and replacing with more size appropriate trees. Also in phase two of downtown is the replacement of benches and trash cans, about 26 of the old wood benches are being replaced with black wrought iron and about the same number of large trash cans. April 1st is the target date to open restrooms and staffing all the parks.

II. PETITIONS and COMMUNICATIONS

A. Letters

1. Gordon Stull from the City of Pratt wrote Mike Gleason for taking the time to share the SAYSI program with them in Pratt community.
2. Michelle Geering with the American Heart Association thanked us for our involvement with the 3rd annual Go Red for Women on Thursday, February 8, 2007.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Spectator Fee Waiver Requests

The Board heard requests from three groups requesting a waiver for charging spectator fees. Lee Davis from the Sacred Heart music boosters has a 13 & 14 year old tournament to raise money for the music and drama department. Clint Newton from Sacred Heart Booster Club baseball and softball has the 10th annual softball tournament May 19th & 20th at Bill Burke. All revenue goes back into the booster club, with the money used to help cover the expenses for anybody who goes to state from Sacred Heart. The 17th annual Baseball tournament is at Bill Burke with approximate 32 teams, 22 of those being from outside Salina. Kristi Benachek from Sunflower Bank spoke about the softball showcase. This will be the 9th year for the showcase for girls that will be seniors in high school to come to Salina for one day for area college coaches to watch. All money raised stays in Salina and if any profit is made it is divided up among the Salina schools and earmarked for the softball programs. A motion and a second was made and approved to waive the fees for Sacred Heart music boosters, Sacred Heart booster club baseball and softball tournaments and Sunflower Softball Showcase.

Mike Gleason with Salina Youth Sportsmanship Initiative gave a presentation to the board. Mike is on staff with the City of Salina as the SAYSI coordinator. Mike passed out the year ending report. Mike showed a power point while explaining the SAYSI program.

There being no further Parks & Recreation business, a motion was made to adjourn the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting at 4:45 p.m.